

**Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council**  
**December 10, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**CAPC Members Present:** Barbara Miller, Sandra Pearce, Mary Stanley, Susi Bains, Kathy Peterson, Robbi Downey, DonnaLisa Knowles. **Guests:** Carolyn Williams. **CAPC Coordinator:** Didi Tergesen.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Barbara Miller at 12:04 PM.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** Kathy Peterson moved to approve the September 10, 2012 CAPC minutes. Sandra Pearce seconded the motion. No discussion. **Motion carried.**

**Membership Update:** Robyn Wisdom from IMACA, Robbi Downey from MCBH, DonnaLisa Knowles, community member and Darkness2Light–Stewards of Children program facilitator and Kathleen Harlander, Mono County North Star Counseling Center Counselor Intern submitted *Letters of Interest* to become members of the Mono County CAPC. Kathy Peterson moved to approve all four individuals as new CAPC members. Susi Bains seconded the motion. No discussion. **Motion carried.** The council is still interested in having representation from Probation and Law Enforcement.

**Review Mono County CAPC Mission Statement and Website:** The Mono County CAPC webpage is currently housed in the Sierra-Sacramento Regional CAPC Coalition website. The Regional Coalition no longer has the funding to make updates to the website. Sandra recommended that the Mono County CAPC webpage be housed under Mono County's and the Department of Social Services website, as a resource or hyperlink. The council liked the idea of adopting and updating their own webpage. Sandra Pearce, if given permission by DSS, volunteered to assist in the creation of the Mono County CAPC website. After reviewing the website, one recommended change was to add First 5 as one of the current contractors. It was also recommended that the CAPC Mission Statement and Website be reviewed after the completion of the County Self Assessment. This is an action item and was tabled until the final version of the County Self-Assessment is completed, the end of February 2013. To be placed on the agenda for the March meeting.

**Quarterly Program Updates:**

- **CAPIT (Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment)**
- **CBCAP (Community Based Child Abuse and Prevention Program)**
- **PSSF (Promoting Safe and Stable Families)**

**1. Wild Iris:** CBCAP Activities - Susi Bains shared that Wild Iris is currently offering "Parenting Support Groups" in English and Spanish, with good attendance for both. Under the CAPIT grant, Wild Iris is offering "Parenting and Co-parenting Classes" in both English and Spanish. The classes offered in English have been well attended, most participants attend voluntarily with one court ordered. Unfortunately, they do not have any participation in the Spanish "Parenting/Co-parenting Classes". Wild Iris has recently started in-home parenting and co-parenting classes, to accommodate families in remote areas at more convenient times for the families. This is a referral only service at this time. Brochures are currently being translated to Spanish. PSSF Activities – Wild Iris has two parents from one of their parenting classes currently working on unification. They are assisting this individual with the process through counseling and referrals.

**2. Office of Child Abuse and Prevention (OCAP):** Mary Stanley, from DSS shared that Marlo Preis completed the annual OCAP update. It was submitted in October, there has been no response yet.

Marlo and Mary updated the program descriptions with the current year's programs, contractors and workbooks. The County Self-Assessment is under-way, this also incorporates the OCAP System Improvement Plan and a Peer Review.

**3. First 5 Mono County:** CAPIT Activities, Kathy Peterson shared that the Parenting Partners program is going really well. At the last meeting, Kathy reported that there were 2 families in the program. Currently there are 12 families in the program. Kathy shared that she was hired as the Transitional Director of Social Services. She is currently working half time as the Executive Director of First 5 and half time at Social Services. Julie Tiede is technically still the Director of Social Services until April, 2013.

**County Self Assessment:** Carolyn Williams, Executive Director of Community Services Solutions (CSS), is currently doing the County Self Assessment (CSA). Up until recently, the CSA has been on a 3-year cycle, it will now be extended to a 5-year cycle. CSS will be analyzing every aspect of the county from demographics, county performance, mandated performance criteria from the Federal and State government, etc. Carolyn passed out a survey to the council and asked that everyone fill it out. In the near future, she will be contacting members of CAPC to do a short interview. Once the CSA is finished, it will go to the BOS, if/when approved it will go to the state and be posted as a public document. The CSA will shape Mono County's five year plan and OCAP's future grants.

**Update on Children's Trust Fund Balance:** As of 10/17/2012 there was \$4,106.08 balance in the CTF. Review : CAPC votes on proposal of expenditures of the CTF, everything must be approved by the BOS.

**Sierra-Sacramento Regional CAPC Coalition Update:** There are three upcoming events that relate to Child Abuse Prevention: On January 11, 2013 there is an all day "Father Involvement" Training in Sacramento, On February 7, 2013 there is an all day "Introduction to the Five Protective Factors" in Bishop, CA and on October 16-17, 2013 there is a Statewide Conference in Sacramento called "Preventing Child Abuse & Neglect: The Power of Community".

**Strengthening Families Update:** The Strengthening Families (SF) team has decided on a name for their group, it is: "Strengthening Families: Supporting and Connecting Mono Communities". Robbi and Sandra shared that the team is interested in supporting other community and agency members to attend a training in Bishop on the "Five Protective Factors", the 7<sup>th</sup> of February. The cost of the training is \$60 per participant. There is a 20% discount if they are able to register 20 participants or more. The SF team is requesting an amount not to exceed \$960 for community members and agencies to attend the Bishop training. Susi Bains made a proposal to release funds, no more then \$960 for 20 participants registrations and/or travel. DonnaLisa seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** There was discussion to clarify how the money was going to be spent. The team clarified that the funds would support the 20 people at the discounted rate. If the team cannot recruit 20 people, they may offer a small amount of money for travel. A flyer will be sent out to encourage people to register for the training and offering scholarships if available.

**IMACA Update:** Robyn Wisdom was not present, no report.  
Next meeting March 11<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 1:00 PM North Star Counseling Center

**Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM**

Respectfully submitted;  
Didi Tergesen, Mono County CAPC Coordinator